**Statement**

*Specifications of Straight Potassic Fertilisers as per Fertiliser (Control) Order,* 1985

| Sl. No. | Name of fertiliser | Specifications | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| 1 | Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) | (i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum | 0.5 |
| | | (ii) Water soluble potash content (as $K_2O$) per cent by weight, minimum | 60.0 |
| | | (iii) Soxium (as NaCl) per cent by weight (on dry basis), maximum | 3.5 |
| | | (iv) Particle size—95 per cent of the material shall pass through 1.7 mm IS sieve and be retained on 0.25 mm IS sieve. | |
| 2 | Potassium Suplhate | (i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum | 1.5 |
| | | (ii) Potash content (as $K_2O$) per cent by weight, minimum. | 50.0 |
| | | (iii) Total chlorides (as Cl) per cent by weight, (on dry basis), maximum. | 2.5 |
| | | (iv) Sodium (as Na Cl) per cent by weight (on dry basis) maximum. | 2.0 |
| 3 | Potassium Schoenite | (i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum | 1.5 |
| | | (ii) Potash content (as $K_2O$) per cent by weight, minimum. | 23.0 |
| | | (iii) Magnesium oxide (as MgO) per cent by maximum. | 10.0 |
| | | (iv) Sodium (as Na Cl) (on dry basis) per cent by weight, maximum. | 1.5 |
| 4 | Potassium Chloride (Muriate of Potash) (Granular) | (i) Moisture per cent by weight, maximum | 0.5 |
| | | (ii) Water soluble potash (as $K_2O$) per cent by weight, minimum. | 60.0 |
| | | (iii) Sodium (as Na Cl) per cent by weight, maximum. | 3.5 |
| | | (iv) Magnesium (as Na Cl) per cent by weight, maximum. | 1.0 |
| | | (v) Particle size—90 per cent of the material shall pass through 3.35 mm IS sieve and be retained on 1 mm IS sieve. Not more than 3 per cent shall be below 1 mm IS sieve. | |

**Export Potential of Floriculture**

3301. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(o) whether Government have identified floriculture as an area of great export potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) what steps Government are taking to assist farmers to take up floriculture ;

(d) whether Government will give any assistance to Andhra Pradesh to develop floriculture ; and

(e) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has identified the export of floriculture products as one of the Extreme Focus Segments and is giving several incentives and assistance for the promotion of floricultural exports.

(c) The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Commercial Floriculture during VIII Plan at a total cost of Rs. 10.00 crores. The scheme covers the following :

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) Setting up of model centres and eight in private sector | Ten in public sector |
| (ii) Setting up of tissue culture units— | |
| Large | 10 in public sector<br>8 in private sector |
| Small | 20 in private sector |
| (iii) Establishment of post harvest centres : | 9 in public sector |
| | 5 in private sector |
| (iv) Area Expansion for 2000 hac. | |

(d) Yes, Sir.

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|---|---|
| (i) For area expansion of 150 ha. | Rs. 15 lakh |
| (ii) For a post harvest centre in private sector | Rs. 10 lakh |
| (iii) For a small tissue culture lab. | Rs. 1 lakh |

**Direct and Indirect Subsidies for Agriculture Sector**

@ 3302. SHRI SOM PAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the current subsidies, direct and (indirect for pesticides, fertilisers. HYV seeds, water and other inputs like electricity, transport and water for agriculture in the country ;

(b) whether It is a fact that a large amount is spent on research and development in agriculture for I.C.A.R, and also for private foundations etc.; if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether Comptroller and Auditor General has also been commenting on the poor working of various I.C.A.R. Institutes, especially the three national Institutes ; and

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what is being done to improve things therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The details of subsidy given to various sectors during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 are as follows :

(Rs. in crores)

| | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fertilizer | 5,205 | 5,800 | 4,000 |
| Electricity | 4,401 | N.A. | N.A. |
| Irrigation (Imputed) | 4,630 | N.A. | N.A. |
| HYV Crops | 31.37 | 51.29 | N.A. |
| Transport subsidy on seeds | 0.29 | 0.30 | 0.37 |

N.A.—Not available,